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Date: 30.05.2023

To,
 Prafulla Kumar Pati, Agent
 M/s Serajuddin & Co.
 Balda Iron Ore Block
 At/PO –Balda
 P.S.-Bamebari
 Dist- Keonjhar, Odisha-758034

Sub: Violation of provisions of MCDR, 2017 in respect of your Balda Block Iron Ore Mine over an area of 343.981 ha in Keonjhar district of Odisha State.

Sir,

The following provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rule, 2017 (MCDR, 2017) were found violated in respect of the above said mine during inspection on **28.04.2023** by **Shri Jitendriya Pradhan, Assistant Mining Engineer** of this office, in presence of Shri Bhabani Shankar Chakra, Mines Manager (Authorised in the absence of Designated Mines Manager of the above Mine).

| Rule No. | Proposed as per Mining Plan/ Rule Position | Violation |
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| 11(1) | (i) As per the Mining Plan approved vide letter No. RMP/A/02-ORI/BHU/2021-22, dated 09.04.2021, it was proposed i) To drill 50 nos. of exploratory bore holes in the year 2022-23. ii) To maintain Bench height- 10 mt,width 18 mt and slope angle 85 degree. iii) To construct Retaining wall- 200m*2m*1.5m(L*W*H) & Garland drain – 250m*1.5m*1m (L*W*D) | During the Inspection it is observed that, i) Exploration- Nil ii) Bench height,width and slope angle are not maintained. iii) Retaining wall & Garland drain are not constructed. |
| 14(2) | The mineral or ore stock above the limit specified in the threshold values of minerals have not been properly maintained indicating the quantity and quality of all such material stacked, and the month-wise inventory of such materials have not been maintained and updated. | |
| 33 | The holder of a mining lease shall, on or before the 30 th day of June every year submit to the authorized officer, as the case may be, and the State Government, a digital copy along with a print copy of the surface geological plans and sections maintained under rule 32. | The copy of surface geological plans and sections has not been submitted for the year 2021-22 to the Regional Controller Mines. |

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| 14(4) | The ground selected for dumping of overburden, waste material, the sub-grade or non-saleable ores or minerals have not been proved for absence or presence of underlying mineral deposits before it is brought into use for dumping. |
| 19(1) | Log books of heavy earth moving machinery used in mines in respect of each machine showing date-wise account of hours worked, hours not worked, reasons for non-working, consumption of fuel or energy and lubricants and output of the machine during the corresponding working hours, have not been maintained. |
| 34 A | Every lessee having an annual excavation plan of one million tonne or more in a particular year; or leased area of fifty hectare or more, shall carry out a drone survey of the leased area and up to hundred metres outside the lease boundary in the month of April or May every year and submit the processed output [digital elevation model (DEM) and Orthomosaic] images obtained from such survey or any other format as may be specified by the Indian Bureau of Mines in this regard to the Controller General on or before 1st day of July every year. Drone image as per Rule 34A has not been submitted till date. |

02. In this connection, it is brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an offence punishable under Rule 62 of MCDR, 2017.

Besides, inability to comply with the provisions of Rule 11(1) is liable for suspension of mining operations according to the provisions of Rule 11(2) of MCDR, 2017.

03. You are advised to rectify the above violations immediately and intimate the position to this office within 45 (forty five) days from issue of this letter.

Yours faithfully,
Signed by Rajesh Kumar Das
Rajesh Kumar Das
 (Deputy Controller of Mines)
Date: 05-06-2023 15:02:39
Reason: Approved

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- (2) The Controller of Mines (EZ), Indian Bureau of Mines, CP-13, Sector V Salt Lake City, Kolkata- 700 091.

Rajesh Kumar Das
 (Deputy Controller of Mines)